

request of either party to proceed to hear and determine all matters in controversy in such action, unless it shall appear to him that justice would be more cheaply and speedily administered by sending the action back to be proceeded in before the clerk, in which case he may do so.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.

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## CHAPTER 277.

An act to prevent the taking of fish at certain seasons in Currituck sound.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful to take, catch or capture with nets or seines or to pound any fish in the waters of Currituck sound, Kitty Hawk bay and tributaries for home or foreign markets, except mullets, herring and shad, between the thirty-first day of March and the fifteenth day of October in each year.

Unlawful to take fish with nets, &c., in Currituck Sound, Kitty Hawk Bay, &c., between March 31st and October 15th.  
Exceptions.

SEC. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offence, or imprisoned not less than five days nor more than thirty days.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.